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TITLE OF INVENTION: VIDEO SIGNAL RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION DEVICE AND VIDEO SIGNAL REPRODUCTION DEVICE

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7-11&13 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 7, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

The closes references applicant admitted prior art Fig.13 and Hatae et al (US 6,091,880) and wherein Hatae teaches a signal processing method for processing video signals.

However, applicant's admitted prior art Fig.13 and Hatae et al fail to explicitly disclose a video signal recording and reproduction device where the recording and reproduction device further comprises input signal switching means provided between one terminal selected from the first signal input terminal, the second signal input terminal and the third signal input terminal, the one terminal used for receiving the composite video signal for the YC separation means, switching means for inputting a component video signal input in the one terminal used for receiving the composite video signal and one of an out signal of the YC separation means and an output signal of the color difference decoding means, and outputting one of the signals input

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therein, and switching control means for outputting a signal for switching the input signal switching means and the switching means.

Regarding claim 8, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

The closes references applicant admitted prior art Fig.13 and Hatae et al (US 6,091,880) and wherein Hatae teaches a signal processing method for processing video signals.

However, applicant admitted prior art Fig.13 and Hatae et al fail to explicitly disclose a video signal recording and reproduction device where the recording and reproduction device further comprises input signal switching means for outputting a signal input in one terminal used for receiving the composite video signal input terminal, to one of the YC separation means and video signal recording means, the one terminal is selected from the first signal input terminal, the second signal input terminal and the third signal input terminal and the switching control means for outputting a signal for switching the input signal switching means.

Regarding claim 9, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

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The closes references applicant admitted prior art Fig.14 and Marumoto et al (US 5,774,190) wherein Marumoto et al teach an encoder for converting digital display signals into analog television signals.

However, applicant admitted prior art Fig.14 and Marumoto et al fail to explicitly disclose a video signal reproduction device where the reproduction device further comprises a switching means for inputting an output of the adding means and an output signal from among the luminance signal reproduction means, the first color difference signal reproduction means and the second color difference signal reproduction means, and outputting one of the signals input therein, and wherein one terminal among the luminance signal output terminal, the first color difference signal output terminal and the second color difference signal output terminal is used commonly as a composite video signal output terminal.

Regarding claim 10, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

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switch means provided between an output terminal of the color signal encoding means and an input terminal of the adding means for determining whether to add or not to add the carrier color signal of the color signal encoding means, and wherein the luminance signal output terminal is used commonly as a composite video signal output terminal.

Regarding claim 11, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

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Regarding claim 3, the invention relates to a video signal recording and reproduction device and a video signal reproduction device that processes component video signals and composite video signals.

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Conclusion

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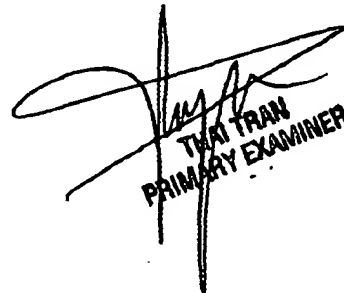
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